As far as I am concerned, we are here, we are here to stay, we are going to get this done, and we cannot be discouraged by the Republican obstruction.

I see the majority leader on the floor. Would it be convenient to yield to him? Mr. REID. I so appreciate my friend extending his usual courtesy.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I offer a cloture motion which is at the desk, and I ask it be reported.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 349, S. 3217, the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010.

Christopher J. Dodd, Blanche L. Lincoln, Jeff Bingaman, Mark Begich, Charles E. Schumer, Arlen Specter, Robert Menendez, Benjamin L. Cardin, Daniel K. Inouye, Jack Reed, Edward E. Kaufman, Byron L. Dorgan, Richard J. Durbin, Tom Udall, John F. Kerry, Sheldon Whitehouse, Robert P. Casey, Jr.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following a period of morning business tomorrow, Wednesday, April 28, the Senate resume the motion to proceed to S. 3217, with the time until 12:20 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees; that at 12:20 p.m., the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3217, with the mandatory quorum waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Rhode Island.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island is recognized.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I thank the majority leader for his steady and strong leadership through these times.

I yield the floor and I suggest the absence of a quorum

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUSPENDING THE 2011 COLA

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I support the recent actions by both the

Senate and House of Representatives to suspend the 2011 cost of living adjustment for Members of Congress.

Although there has been encouraging news on some sectors of our economy, too many Californians are unemployed or underemployed. It is fitting that we forgo a cost of living adjustment at this time.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO STANLEY G. JONES

• Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I wish today to pay tribute to the well-respected tribal leader and proud veteran of the War in the Pacific with the U.S. Marine Corps, Stanley G. Jones, Sr., "Scho-Hallem."

Mr. Jones is retiring after more than 40 years of service to his people, the Tulalip Tribes, of my State of Washington. Mr. Jones served on the Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors for the past 44 years; longer than any other Tulalip tribe member.

Mr. Jones helped guide tribes in the Northwest through their legal battle to regain lost treaty rights, culminating in the Boldt Decision of the 1970s. He was instrumental in reviving the traditional First Salmon Ceremony in 1976, the practice having been outlawed by the Federal Government in the early 1900s. He was the first Chair of the National Indian Gaming Task Force, and helped set tribal policy regarding the usage of proceeds from Tulalip tribal ventures.

Mr. Jones was a strong advocate for economic development. He led the Tulalip Tribes' efforts to invest their lands, and worked to create jobs and opportunities for his tribe's people, and those in neighboring communities. He also endeavored to provide educational opportunities, health care, housing and senior services to tribal members.

Mr. Jones will be sorely missed but his legacy is in the growing respect for treaty rights and tribal sovereignty that he leaves behind. Today his vision is being carried on by a new generation of tribal leaders.

I take this opportunity to wish him a long and well-deserved retirement. ullet

REMEMBERING MARY THURMAIER

• Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today it is with sadness that I remember the life of Mary Thurmaier, who passed away on April 25. I was fortunate to know Mary, who did so much for her community and for our state.

Mary was a tireless activist and volunteer. Perhaps her most significant contribution of all was her 24 years of service on the Stevens Point Area School Board, from 1982 to 2006. Mary, a devoted mother of four herself, spent her nearly two and a half decades on the board working to strengthen public education for the children of Stevens Point. She focused much of her considerable effort on critical issues like early childhood education.

Mary also served a vital role for her community when she managed the Point Area Bus Cooperative before the city took over the operations. She did a tremendous job in that position and later went on to serve as director of the Stevens Point Convention and Visitors Bureau. She also served as a Democratic national committeewoman for Wisconsin.

Above all, Mary was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother. My thoughts are with her family and friends today, as so many mourn her loss. I know all of us are grateful for Mary's life and her many contributions to Stevens Point and the State of Wisconsin, which will live on for many years to come.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:13 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4543. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4285 Payne Avenue in San Jose, California, as the "Anthony J. Cortese Post Office Building".

H.R. 4861. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1343 West Irving Park Road in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Steve Goodman Post Office Building".

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3253. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1963. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3253. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4543. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located